

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2790

Introduced by Committee on Governmental Organization (Coto (Chair), Anderson (Vice Chair), Bradford, Chesbro, Evans, Galgiani, Hall, Hill, Jeffries, Lieu, Mendoza, Portantino, V. Manuel Perez, Silva, Torres, and Tran)

March 17, 2010

An act to amend Section 19596.2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to horse racing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2790, as introduced, Committee on Governmental Organization. Horse racing: out-of-state thoroughbred races: the Arlington Million.

Existing law authorizes a thoroughbred horse racing association or fair to distribute the audiovisual signal and accept wagers on the results of out-of-state thoroughbred races conducted in the United States during the calendar period the association or fair is conducting a race meeting, including days on which there is no live racing being conducted by the association or fair, without the consent of the organization that represents horsemen participating in the race meeting and without regard to the amount of purse. Existing law prohibits the total number of thoroughbred races imported by associations or fairs on a statewide basis from exceeding 32 per day on days when live thoroughbred or fair racing is being conducted in the state. However, that limitation excludes imported races that are part of the race card of the Kentucky Derby, Kentucky Oaks, and other specified races.

This bill would add races that are part of the race card of the Arlington Million to the list of imported races not subject to the limitation of 32 races per day.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 19596.2 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 19596.2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law and
4 except as provided in Section 19596.4, a thoroughbred racing
5 association or fair may distribute the audiovisual signal and accept
6 wagers on the results of out-of-state thoroughbred races conducted
7 in the United States during the calendar period the association or
8 fair is conducting a race meeting, including days on which there
9 is no live racing being conducted by the association or fair, without
10 the consent of the organization that represents horsemen
11 participating in the race meeting and without regard to the amount
12 of purses. Further, the total number of thoroughbred races imported
13 by associations or fairs on a statewide basis under this section shall
14 not exceed 32 per day on days when live thoroughbred or fair
15 racing is being conducted in the state. The limitation of 32 imported
16 races per day does not apply to any of the following:
17 (1) Races imported for wagering purposes pursuant to
18 subdivision (c).
19 (2) Races imported that are part of the race card of the Kentucky
20 Derby, the Kentucky Oaks, the Preakness Stakes, the Belmont
21 Stakes, the Jockey Club Gold Cup, the Travers Stakes, *the*
22 *Arlington Million*, the Breeders' Cup, the Dubai Cup, or the Haskell
23 Invitational.
24 (3) Races imported into the northern zone when there is no live
25 thoroughbred or fair racing being conducted in the northern zone.
26 (4) Races imported into the combined central and southern zones
27 when there is no live thoroughbred or fair racing being conducted
28 in the combined central and southern zones.
29 (b) Any thoroughbred association or fair accepting wagers
30 pursuant to subdivision (a) shall conduct the wagering in
31 accordance with the applicable provisions of Sections 19601,
32 19616, 19616.1, and 19616.2.
33 (c) No thoroughbred association or fair may accept wagers
34 pursuant to this section on out-of-state races commencing after 7
35 p.m., Pacific standard time, without the consent of the harness or

- 1 quarter horse racing association that is then conducting a live racing
- 2 meeting in Orange or Sacramento Counties.

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